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RE: FD 35496, Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation's

Petition for a Declaratory Order

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed please find copies of my Certificate of Service regarding my request for Leave to late file a Response to the "Reply(s) in Opposition" filed by John D. Heffner, PLLC in behalf of San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad and Eugene L. Farish, P.C. in behalf of the City of Monte Vista, CO.

Further, please accept my sincere apology for the procedural error in omitting the CC's to Messrs Heffner and Farish. I have since been educated in the proper protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Shank

President & Executive Director

CC: Barbara Saddler

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Donald H. Shank, hereby certify that I have mailed a copy of the request for *Leave* to late file a Response to San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad's and the City of Monte Vista's "Reply in Opposition" to Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation's Petition for Declaratory Order (FD 35496) to the following parties by first class U.S. Mail this 1st day of September 2011:

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